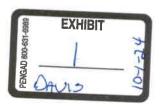
Exhibit K

Ryan Davis Deposition Exhibit 1
Transcript of January 7, 2022 meeting

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So I understand FMLA.
                                                     Ι
                 MR. DAVIS:
1
   understand sick time and leave.
                                     The State of
2
   Wyoming considers COVID-19 to be presumptive in law
3
   enforcement. This has been treated since day one as
4
   a presumptive issue. Whether we agree with that or
5
   not as a group, that's how it's been seen.
6
             I'm currently on Workers' Compensation.
7
                               Uh-huh.
                  MS. BRANDO:
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                  MR. DAVIS: Obviously I'm being paid
9
   through Workers' Compensation.
10
                  MS. BRANDO:
                               Uh-huh.
11
                  MR. DAVIS: Being the fact that I am
12
   on Workers' Compensation, I -- the termination of
13
    employment is allowed so long as it's not in
14
    reference to any way me being on disability.
15
             The questions that I have is three weeks
16
    ago I had a conversation with the lieutenant, who
17
    made mention that -- that the department would
18
    probably not be able to wait for me to be off
19
                 That started my search for a attorney,
    disability.
20
    because that implies that this termination of
21
    employment is directly related to me being on
22
    Workers' Compensation.
23
             I understand that -- I don't want to wait
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             And I've told the chief this. I think it's
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    either.
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a disservice to the citizens of Powell who pay taxes
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   for a police officer who can do their job.
                                                It's a
2
   disservice to my coworkers. I admit that. I -- no
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   one is more frustrated than I am not working than
4
5
   me.
            That being said, the fact that FMLA has run
6
   out or the fact that sick leave or -- or vacation
7
   time has run out has no bearing on the fact that I
8
   am on disability for what the State considers to be
9
   an on-the-job related issue.
10
             So, you know, if -- if termination is
11
   the -- is the direction we're going, just between,
12
    you know, this recorded conversation and the four of
13
    us in this room, I have a hard time, after the
14
    conversation I had with the lieutenant, being --
15
    directly after I told him that it would be March
16
    before I had another CT, have a hard time
17
    understanding that this has nothing to do with the
18
    fact that I'm currently not working.
19
             I would assume if I were working, I would
20
    still have a job if I wasn't on disability. I had a
21
    satisfactory review six months --
22
                  MALE SPEAKER: Absolutely. This has
23
    nothing to do with -- yeah. No.
24
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MR. DAVIS: Correct.

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This --
                 MALE SPEAKER:
1
                 MR. DAVIS: So we can --
2
                 MS. BRANDO: It puts an undue hardship
3
   on the department.
4
                  MR. DAVIS: Abs- --
5
                  MS. BRANDO: After that 12 weeks has
6
   expired, it's -- it's an undue hardship on the whole
7
   department, being a probationary employee. And
8
   that's where it's at.
9
                  MR. DAVIS: Yeah. We're in
10
   agreement --
11
                  MS. BRANDO: It's not because you're
12
    on a disability.
13
                  MR. DAVIS: We're in agreement that
14
    it's -- that it's a hardship. There's no doubt
15
    about that. And I will even sit here and agree,
16
    yes, I am a probationary employee. We are an
17
    at-will state here in Wyoming. That, I understand.
18
             That being said, regardless of probationary
19
    status and regardless of at-will employment, there
20
    are exceptions of the at-will employment and to --
21
    up to and including probationary employees for
22
    termination. One of those is considered
23
    retaliation.
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             I would make the argument that being
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terminated in the middle, right now, three months
1
  after being on disability, for no other reason that
2
   I can see than that I'm not working -- because a
3
  hardship, unfortunately, that doesn't play in. The
4
   hardship to the department doesn't matter.
5
   leg were to get chopped off, now we'd be talking
6
   about something different. We would be talking
7
   about medical retirement.
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You and I did discuss a medical retirement, which you believed I wasn't qualified for. I called WRS. I do qualify. However, in order for me to qualify that, their doctors and my doctor have to agree that that's a long-term thing. So that's on the table if -- if in fact the doctors determine, hey, you can't ever go back to do the work -- to go to work again. The problem is we're not at that point, because they haven't been able to make a determination. They're sitting in the center of this.

So I think the -- I think the main point

I'm walking away from here is when you have a

supervisor at the lieutenant level tell you in a

meeting, after you're discussing how long it's going

to be on -- on Workers' Compensation, say, well,

we -- I don't think the department's going to be

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able to wait that long, to me, directly implies that
1
   the reason for this termination is the length of
2
   time that I'm on disability.
3
            Unfortunately, like I said, the hardship to
4
   the department, as much as I disagree with it as
5
   well, it's not really my problem. This is an
6
   on-the-job issue, and we are dead center in the
7
   middle of -- of disability.
8
             So -- so like I said, it's required me to
9
   seek legal counsel, because I don't feel like this
10
   termination has anything to do with anything other
11
   than I'm not working. Yes, it's a hardship, but I'm
12
   not working. I'm on disability, so now I'm being
13
   terminated. We're not giving it a chance -- I know
14
    that it's long and difficult, but we're not giving
15
    it a chance to allow the doctors to make a
16
    definitive determination. So you know what?
17
    I -- I wish that determination was made a month ago,
18
    a week ago, whatever it is, but it's not.
19
    Unfortunately, it isn't. So we're all sitting in
20
21
    this boat. So --
                  MALE SPEAKER: I think because we play
22
    semantics and it comes up, we should probably ask
23
    the question, at what point did disability start?
24
                  MR. DAVIS: Say it again.
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MALE SPEAKER: At what point did
1
   disability start?
2
                 MR. DAVIS: What do you mean?
3
                 MALE SPEAKER: That's exactly what I
4
   mean. I don't think you're on disability, are you?
5
   You're on Workmen's Comp.
6
                 MR. DAVIS: Workers' Compensation.
7
               Sorry. But my --
   Excuse me.
8
                 MALE SPEAKER: For clarification --
9
                 MR. DAVIS: You're right. Correct.
10
   Workers' Compensation. I -- I -- yes. I am not on
11
   disability. Sorry. My mistake.
12
                 MALE SPEAKER: Just -- just for
13
   clarification.
14
                 MR. DAVIS: Correct. Of course. Of
15
   course. Yes. You -- you are correct. So -- yeah.
16
    I'm on Workers' Compensation based upon what the
17
    State determines to be an on-the-job injury. So --
18
    and I -- I don't know. I had no intention for any
19
    of this --
20
                  MALE SPEAKER: Oh, we -- I understand
21
    that, yeah.
22
                  MR. DAVIS: I moved my family out to
23
    Wyoming, you know.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: It's -- it's
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unfortunate for both sides, I feel, because -- and
1
   that's why I'm -- I'm letting you know that, you
2
   know, you have -- you have something in March. We
3
   can move on. And if you get cleared, you can
4
   definitely, you know, come back and try to, you
5
   know, apply or whatever and -- and have the ability
6
   to be on the force again. That gives you more time.
7
   But you may end up on disability, too. We don't
8
   know where it's going to -- that's where we're at.
9
   We're at a hardship. We're --
10
                  MR. DAVIS: Sure.
11
                  MALE SPEAKER: -- we're at a
12
   standstill. We -- we're not getting a service out
13
   of something, you know.
14
                  MR. DAVIS: Understood.
15
                  MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. And -- and --
16
    and you don't have that buildup. You don't even
17
    have -- you know, once you get past probation, you
18
    have the ability to buy into our sick leave bank.
19
    We don't have that. You don't have that. You
20
    haven't even passed the probationary, so...
21
                  MR. DAVIS: I bought into sick leave
22
    bank.
23
                  MALE SPEAKER: Did you?
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                  MR. DAVIS: Absolutely.
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MALE SPEAKER: Okay.
1
                 MS. BRANDO: No. He's actually --
2
                 MR. DAVIS: It's six months.
3
                 MALE SPEAKER: Oh.
4
                 MS. BRANDO: He's using the sick leave
5
6
   bank --
                  MALE SPEAKER: Oh, he's using the --
7
                  MS. BRANDO: -- right now.
8
                  MALE SPEAKER: -- sick leave. Okay.
9
10
   Yeah.
                  MR. DAVIS: Yeah. I bought into sick
11
    leave bank and I qualified for that.
12
                  MALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)
13
                  MS. BRANDO: Yeah.
14
                  MALE SPEAKER: Okay.
15
                  MR. DAVIS: Sure.
16
                  MS. BRANDO: Yeah. He's currently
17
18
    using that.
                  MALE SPEAKER: But, again, I mean, how
19
    long, I mean, are we -- you know, obviously
20
    there's -- how long do we go on with this? And
21
    that -- that's the question I have. So, to me,
22
    it's -- it's a bad situation for both of us.
23
                  MR. DAVIS: Sure. Understood.
24
                  MALE SPEAKER: You know, and a
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hardship -- I do feel it is a hardship for the City
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2
   and --
                  MR. DAVIS:
                              It is.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: -- and the --
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                              We -- we agree on that.
                  MR. DAVIS:
5
   I've agreed on that since the day I went out.
6
                  MALE SPEAKER:
                                 Yeah.
7
                  MR. DAVIS: A hardship to the City.
                                                        Α
8
   hardship to the -- to my coworkers.
9
                  MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.
10
                  MR. DAVIS: You know, fact of the
11
   matter is unfortunately at this point in time the
12
   department's down, with me gone, three people. You
13
    know, I get that.
14
                  MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.
15
                  MR. DAVIS: I totally understand that.
16
    From a perspec- -- from my perspective, you know,
17
    just outside of all of this, when we're looking at
18
    something where I believe this to be -- you know,
19
    did I want to be out of work and be sick and be
20
    dealing with the fact that walking a mile gets me
21
    150 beats a minute on my heart rate? No.
22
    want to be dealing with that at all. I would rather
23
    be back in uniform and doing my job as -- as
24
    prescribed. You know, that being said, you know, I
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can't at this point in time.
1
                                 Yeah.
                  MALE SPEAKER:
2
                  MR. DAVIS: We know this. And I
3
   can't, you know, based upon the fact that I
4
   contracted COVID, I'm having long-term issues with
5
   it, and the State determines that to be an
6
   on-the-job thing. So if I were to be -- if I were
7
   to have been T-boned out here on Coulter and broke a
8
   hip and been out for a year, it's the same thing.
9
   Would you terminate somebody that's going to be out
10
    for a year --
11
                  MS. BRANDO: Uh-huh.
12
                                        Okay. Because I
                  MR. DAVIS: -- here?
13
    don't see how you can't correlate that to Workers'
14
    Compensation and the ability to work.
15
                  MS. BRANDO: Workers' Compensation
16
    will still apply.
17
                  MR. DAVIS: I understand that.
18
                  MS. BRANDO: You receive that.
                                                   Ιt
19
    would just be like -- so, for instance, the
20
    termination would just be termination of employment.
21
    Insurance would terminate and -- and those things.
22
                  MR. DAVIS:
                              Sure.
23
                  MALE SPEAKER: Your insurance, though,
24
    my understanding, would not terminate until the end
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of the month.
1
                 MS. BRANDO: And you would qualify for
2
   COBRA insurance.
3
                  MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. COBRA insurance.
4
                  MR. DAVIS:
                              Sure.
5
                  MS. BRANDO: Yeah.
6
                  MR. DAVIS: I'm less concerned with --
7
   the insurance and the Hartford policy, the long-term
8
   disability, you know, those kind of things, I'm less
9
   concerned with that and more concerned with labor
10
   law states that I cannot be terminated based upon
11
   being on Workers' Compensation.
12
             My argument is that while you tell me
13
   that's not the case, that's not what it looks like
14
    on the outset. That's not what it looks like based
15
    upon what the lieutenant told me four weeks ago,
16
    because he told me that the department couldn't
17
    wait. Couldn't wait means you can't wait for me to
18
    come back. The only reason I am not back is because
19
    I am on Workers' Compensation. And my doctor, per
20
    City policy, will not sign the form releasing me to
21
    go back.
22
             That -- the City states that the doctor has
23
    to sign this form. I've presented that form to the
24
    doctors at every appointment that I've had.
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have refused to sign it.

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That being said, if I could have got them to sign it, we wouldn't have this issue. I would be inside policy and I would be rehireable again. But you have a -- an employee of the City and department, one of my supervisors, tell me in a meeting that the department can't wait, while we're discussing the duration of Workers' Compensation, that it's going to be March before my next evaluation. 10

My argument is -- my -- my belief is -- my belief is that I can sit in this room and we can terminate employment and you can tell me it's because of, you know, probationary employee, you can tell me because it's of a hardship. I think my argument is that's not how it's perceived. That's not how it was brought up to me in a meeting four weeks ago when I discussed how long this process is going to be.

And while I sit in the middle of not being able to return to work and I'm terminated now, had I been -- had I gotten a review and been terminated, you know, a week after the review off of probation, yeah, we're at-will, you can terminate me for whatever reason you want. I'm not making that

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argument. But that didn't happen. It didn't happen
1
   until I went on probation -- or sorry -- excuse
2
   me -- until I went on Workers' Comp and had been on
3
   Workers' Comp for three months with another possible
4
   three month window before I could --
5
                 MALE SPEAKER: And -- and -- and --
6
                 MR. DAVIS: -- come back. It appears
7
   to me to be retaliatory, so -- and fall under the
8
   statute of retaliatory as it relates to federal and
9
   state labor law.
10
             So that is why I have retained counsel.
11
   Mostly because I just want to know what my rights
12
        I came from a different state. I know exactly
13
   what my rights are there.
14
                  MALE SPEAKER:
                                 Sure.
15
                  MR. DAVIS: I don't -- didn't know
16
             It required me to do some research and
17
    seek counsel and determine if I have recourse.
18
    Based upon the information that I have been provided
19
    thus far, I believe that I do. Do I want to deal
20
    with any of that? No, I don't. Do -- but, you
21
    know, we're also in a -- and I will admit, do I want
22
    to sit at home and do nothing either? No. But I
23
    believe I'm entitled to the ability to figure out
24
    where this thing is going to go. We have a set date
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in March to try to make a determination of, hey, is
1
   this going to be something that I can go back to
2
   today and tomorrow or is it never going to happen?
3
            If it doesn't happen in March, I believe at
4
   that point in time I have a valid argument to make
5
   with my doctors and the WRS doctors about a
6
   retirement. I can't do that -- while -- while
7
   Workers' Comp will remain, I cannot do that once I
8
                           So, therefore, I believe that
   have been terminated.
9
   termination would cost me the opportunity to discuss
10
   a retirement option with my doctors and the WRS
11
             So that would be kind of where I'm
12
   doctors.
13
    sitting.
                  MALE SPEAKER: So why can't you have
14
    that conversation also --
15
                  MR. DAVIS: Because I --
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                  MALE SPEAKER: -- I mean would -- the
17
    retirement conversation --
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                  MR. DAVIS: Because I'm no longer an
19
    employee collecting -- I'm no longer an employee
20
    of -- of an agency that's -- that -- that falls
21
    under the Wyoming Retirement System. If I'm still
22
    an employee and then they determine, hey, you -- you
23
    know, you can't be a cop anymore and I go through
24
    the -- that process, which I've already obtained the
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paperwork. It's just a matter of I'll discuss that
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   with my doctor when I meet with him this week.
2
   While I'm still an employee, that's an option. Once
3
   I've been terminated, then I can't go back and say,
4
   hey, I need medical retirement, I can't be a cop
5
   anymore, because I'm no longer employed as a law
6
   enforcement officer.
7
             Currently, right now, even though in the
8
   status I am, I'm still obviously currently employed
9
   as I look at it, you know, from their perspective.
10
    That's why.
11
             So -- so I cannot -- yeah. It's either --
12
    if that -- if that's the case, if that's the case
13
    that they tell me I can't be a cop anymore, there's
14
    a process and procedure to go through. Again, I've
15
    already started it, at least -- I mean, I don't know
16
    if the doctors -- what they're going to say this
17
    week or next week or what the WRS doctors are going
18
    to say, but it's -- but the door's been open.
                                                    Ιt
19
    will be immediately closed the second my employment
20
    with the City of Powell ends, because there -- they
21
    won't -- they're not going to seek that process
22
    unless I'm employed.
23
             So, you know, that's that option. I don't
24
    think that this long-term disability plan will ever
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be a factor. It's nice to have the paperwork filled
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        But I did speak with Workers' Compensation.
2
   called them as well. And to my surprise, which is
3
   actually good, you were correct in that -- not that
4
                       That came out wrong.
   vou're wrong.
                 No.
5
   surprise, I was actually happy, because I didn't
6
   think that it would carry over, you know, once I was
7
   no longer employed. So that -- that is a factor
8
   that carries over. I don't think that -- but
9
   because I have that, the Hartford doesn t factor in.
10
                                 Factor in.
                  MALE SPEAKER:
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                  MR. DAVIS: So that is a positive.
12
   There's no doubt that that's a positive. And they
13
   stated they'll pay regardless of employment status,
14
   whether I'm employed by the City or not, through the
15
               The questions that they bring up is how
16
    do we determine employability when the City sets the
17
    standard for employability based upon the form that
18
    the doctor fills out.
19
             Workers' Comp is different. So they --
20
    trying to -- they could say, well, you're
21
    employable, you know, as a -- you know, whatever, a
22
    cook or whatever that may be, so we're going to
23
    terminate Workers' Compensation. So it could in
24
    theory be terminated within the first day or week of
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being let go from the department, because they can change the standard of what employability is.
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So whilst that's positive that I have it, there's no guarantee that it lasts any longer than, you know, the termination of employment based upon a different set of standards for employability.

Ultimately, you know, I'm just trying to -I -- ultimately, I'm just trying to figure out what
my rights as an employee are. And then all said and
done, you know, at the end of the day, while I feel
bad for my coworkers and the citizens of Powell, I
also have a family and -- and a life to -- to take
care of.

What I'm going to go do the second I'm terminated from law enforcement, I don't know. I have no idea. I've had this conversation many times. If people were to come to me and say, hey, you can't be a cop anymore, I have no idea where I'd go and what I'd do.

Law enforcement has its frustrations and its difficulties, as -- and its stigmas, as we can see why -- you know, with the difficulty of getting new people hired. People don't want to do this job anymore. Whether it's in a small city like Powell or a big city like LA, we're -- people don't want to

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work in general, and they definitely don't want to
1
   work in a situation where they're scrutinized like
2
   we are in law enforcement. I do. I'm still
3
   passionate about it. I still enjoy it. I wish I
4
   could get a letter that says, hey, come back to
5
   work.
6
             That being said, if I'm terminated, what's
7
   my motivation to reapply at a department that let me
8
   go after I was unable to work for, again, what the
9
   State determined to be an on-the-job deal?
10
                  MALE SPEAKER: I struggle with it. I
11
   see both sides.
12
                  MR. DAVIS: Yes.
13
                  MALE SPEAKER: I -- I definitely don't
14
    appreciate the venom that comes with that. And I
15
    think the City has done very well to take care of
16
17
    you.
                  MR. DAVIS: I agree. That, we agree
18
    with.
19
                  MALE SPEAKER: The only reason it's a
20
    Workmen's Comp issue is because Tiffany caught wind
21
    of that and put it all into play.
22
                  MR. DAVIS: Uh-huh.
23
                  MALE SPEAKER: There's -- there's
24
    nobody, yourself included, that believes you caught
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It came from home. But the State took
   it at work.
1
   the stand that they did, and Tiffany acknowledged
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3
   that, so --
                 MR. DAVIS: Yep.
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                                 -- I think -- I think
                  MALE SPEAKER:
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   the City's done a good job.
6
                  MALE SPEAKER: And to me, that's
7
   another point of what the City's done good for you.
8
                             Yep. I agree with -- I --
                  MR. DAVIS:
9
   we're in no disagreement over that.
10
                  MALE SPEAKER: Okay.
11
                  MR. DAVIS: And I'm not sitting here
12
   saying you guys are terrible, how could -- you know,
13
   that's not what I'm saying by any means whatsoever.
14
    To be honest, if I didn't care about -- if I didn't
15
    care about working for the City of Powell, I didn't
16
    care about the City of Powell, the citizens or the
17
    people or any of that, it would have been a total
18
    waste of my time to even deal with that. I would
19
    have taken the termination and walked away, because
20
    I don't -- I don't -- you know, what's it matter?
21
             To be honest with you, you know, I -- like
22
    I said, I like the job, but I am employable. Do I
23
    know what I'm going to do? No, I don't. But I'm
24
    employable somewhere else. I'm not -- you know,
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it's not like I can't work and do things again.
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   problem --
                  MALE SPEAKER: And we did, just so you
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   know, we did look at, you know, possible transfers
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   to something less, but we don't have anything open.
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                  MR. DAVIS: Sure.
6
                  MALE SPEAKER: You know what I mean,
7
   is something else that -- because -- because that's
8
   always a possibility. But we don't have that at
9
   this -- we're full and --
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                  MR. DAVIS: Yeah.
11
                  MALE SPEAKER: -- with general fund
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    always be an issue, you know, we just can't make --
13
    create a new position, you know --
14
                  MR. DAVIS: Sure.
15
                  MALE SPEAKER: -- so --
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                  MR. DAVIS: Sure. Totally understood.
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    That -- like I said, that, I get. And I'm not --
18
    I'm not sitting here upset about any of the things
19
    that have transpired before --
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                  MALE SPEAKER: And I --
21
                  MR. DAVIS: -- today.
22
                  MALE SPEAKER: -- I get it.
23
    don't -- you wish this wouldn't have happened
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    either.
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MR. DAVIS: Correct.
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                 MALE SPEAKER: I mean, you wish you
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   could come back, put that badge on, and go to work.
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                 MR. DAVIS: Sure, you know.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: We would like that,
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   too, at this point. But, you know, we're -- we're
6
   hearing March and stuff, so that's why we had to
7
   have this conversation and present this to you,
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   so --
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                  MR. DAVIS: Uh-huh.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: Another challenge we'll
11
    find -- we'll face come March is going to be your
12
    temporary peace officer certification.
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                  MR. DAVIS: Sure. That, I understand
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    as well.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: I was just getting
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    ready to look. And I know --
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                  MR. DAVIS: Because March was when
18
    it's -- it was sometime early or mid March was when
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    they had extended it.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: Was that extended?
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                  MR. DAVIS: Yep. It was extended. I
22
    don't know when exactly, but I want to say -- was
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    that what it was, March sometime, so in there. So,
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25
    yeah, sure.
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So, you know, ultimately the City's got to
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   do what the City's got to do. So if that's
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   termination, that's termination. I can't say, you
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   know, what my next recourse will be. It could be
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   nothing. I could just -- you know, it could be,
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   okay, thank you very much, I'll continue with
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   Workers' Comp.
             I -- I don't -- I do think that, you know,
8
   if the doctors come back to me in March and tell me,
9
   hey, guess what? You can't be a cop again. Now
10
    I've lost the opportunity for, you know -- sorry --
11
    the Wyoming medical retirement, which, to me, still
12
    sounds ridiculous, but it is what -- we're facing
13
    this. But, you know, I've lost that ability.
14
    you know, my --
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                  MALE SPEAKER: My question is, do you
16
    qualify for that being in Wyoming not that long?
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    mean, how long do you have to be invested?
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                  MR. DAVIS: One day.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: One day.
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                  MR. DAVIS: If I -- if I put on the
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    badge --
                  MALE SPEAKER: Must be different from
23
    City employees versus --
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                  MS. BRANDO: Yeah.
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MR. DAVIS: Because it's for peace
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   officers.
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                 MS. BRANDO: They said it wasn't
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   vested and they wouldn't qualify.
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                  MR. DAVIS: City -- City employees do
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6
   not qualify.
                  MS. BRANDO: Oh, no.
                                        I -- I was
7
   asking about the law enforcement one.
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                                    I -- I spoke with
                  MR. DAVIS:
                             Yep.
9
   the person that handles that.
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                       (Inaudible crosstalk.)
11
                  MR. DAVIS: Yep. I spoke with --
12
    yeah. Actually, they initially told me no.
13
    explained to them, I said, so you're telling me that
14
    if a law enforcement officer goes out on day one and
15
    gets shot, there's no recourse? So they went in and
16
    then they gave me to the person that actually deals
17
    with law enforcement medical retirement. And she
18
    submitted an e-mail to me the requirements along
19
    with all necessary paperwork.
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             So I do in fact qualify. There's no
21
    vesting period. Now, there is a vesting period if I
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    were to be injured and let's say I could do the job
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    but didn't want to. If you're vested, you can --
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    there is options to take a lesser, you know,
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retirement. But I -- that, I wouldn't qualify for.
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                  MS. BRANDO: Uh-huh.
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                  MR. DAVIS: And, again, all that to
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   say in order to actually get qualification, my
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   doctor and their doctor have to agree. They have to
5
   say, yeah, we looked at this information and we
6
   agree. So I'm not saying -- when I say I qualify, I
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   mean just I -- I -- if those two things happened, I
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   could obtain it regardless of vesting status.
9
             So when I say qualify, I don't mean like I
10
    can go today and get --
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                  MS. BRANDO: Right.
12
                  MR. DAVIS: -- get a signature.
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    all that thing -- again, that all hinges on
14
    employment, you know, with the department.
15
             So -- but, again, like I said, if -- if,
16
    you know, termination is the -- or a separation,
17
    whatever we want to call it, is the route that the
18
    City goes, I --
19
                  MALE SPEAKER: I definitely like the
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    word separation better. I hate --
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                  MR. DAVIS: Sure.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: -- using the word
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                Again, this is not a disciplinary thing
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    terminate.
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    at all, yeah.
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MR. DAVIS:
                             Sure.
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                                 So --
                 MALE SPEAKER:
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                                                And I'm
                 MR. DAVIS: Sure. I -- yeah.
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   not making the argument that it's disciplinary.
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   it were disciplinary, it would have been done when I
5
   was still working or for whatever it is.
6
   have not -- I'm ack- -- excuse me. I acknowledge
7
   that as a probationary employee, I can be let go.
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   even acknowledge that I can be let go while on
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   Workers' Comp. My argument is -- is the previous
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   conversations with superior -- with superiors based
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   upon the timing makes it highly suspect that it is
12
    in fact because I'm not working on Workers' Comp,
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    which is what is creating this situation today.
14
                  MALE SPEAKER: This is the first I've
15
    heard of that, so --
16
                  MS. BRANDO: Yeah.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: -- I don't know.
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                  MR. DAVIS: As it is creates a
19
    hardship for the City and the department. So -- but
20
    like I said, you know, I'm not -- you're not going
21
    to have to drag me out of the office. So if that's
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    the -- if that's the route that we're going today,
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    then so be it. We'll take care of that and then I
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    will figure out what the department gear and
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everything else and we'll go from there. So --
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                 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. I guess talk to
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   chief and whatever we need to do there, so that's --
3
   that's where we're going to go, so --
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                 MR. DAVIS: Sounds good.
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                 MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thanks for
6
   coming in. Sorry it had to come to this.
7
                 MR. DAVIS: Okay. What do you need
8
   from me?
9
                  MALE SPEAKER: Tiffany, does he need
10
   to sign anything or documentation?
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                  MS. BRANDO: No. I just have some
12
   paperwork that you'll need to do for like Aflac, it
13
   will have COBRA stuff on it, (inaudible) if you want
14
15
    it.
                  MR. DAVIS: Sure.
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                  MS. BRANDO: So this is just
17
    information for you to take. And the contact for
18
    (inaudible) is down there. And then this is
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    (inaudible) --
                  MR. DAVIS: Oh, yeah, yeah.
21
                  MS. BRANDO: -- information. And then
22
    just to make sure you contact Aflac to do your
23
    direct bill with them.
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                  MR. DAVIS: Oh, got it. Okay. So
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there's no paperwork, no nothing? No memorandum, no
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   letter, no -- nothing that states I'm no longer
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3
   employed --
                 MALE SPEAKER: Well, we can do a
4
   memorandum --
5
                  MR. DAVIS: -- with the City, though?
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                  MALE SPEAKER: -- and, yeah, put it
7
   in -- in the file, basically.
8
                  MS. BRANDO: We can give you a copy of
9
10
   it.
                  MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. We'll give --
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                  MR. DAVIS: Okay.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: -- you a copy.
13
                  MS. BRANDO: Yeah.
14
                  MALE SPEAKER: Yep.
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                  MR. DAVIS: All right. I figured
16
    there's got to be something.
17
                  MS. BRANDO: Yeah.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: No, we will.
19
                  MR. DAVIS: Okay. Well, we'll take
20
    care of that. Chief, however you guys want to set
21
    up -- do you want me to bring it in or --
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                  MALE SPEAKER: Do you want to wrangle
23
    it all up and bring it in this afternoon?
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                  MR. DAVIS: I can -- this aft- --
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MALE SPEAKER: What works?
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                 MR. DAVIS: Yeah. Let me see what I
2
   can do. I got my -- I pick up my kids at noon.
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                 MALE SPEAKER: Or this morning or --
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                 MR. DAVIS: So let me -- yeah, let me
5
   see what I can grab. But I -- I don't have much.
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                 MALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)
7
                 MR. DAVIS: Yeah. I don't have much
8
   anymore, because I just have, you know --
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                 MALE SPEAKER: Is your car still at
10
11
   your house?
                 MR. DAVIS: No.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: No. Okay.
13
                 MR. DAVIS: No. I -- I don't know why
14
   it was ever there. I kept telling them. Dave's,
15
   like, well -- Lieutenant called me. He's, like, oh,
16
   well, I want to know if we can borrow your car.
17
    I'm, like, Borrow my car? It's your car. Come get
18
    it. It's doing no good in my driveway, so let
19
    somebody drive it. So, no, that's not a problem.
20
             I think my heavy vest was still in the car,
21
    I'm almost positive. So it should just be uniforms
22
    and duty gear, service pistol, things like that. So
23
    that's at the house. Flat badge is there. I just
24
    checked, because I had to get some paperwork. I
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checked. I don't think I have anything that's of
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   personal value in the drawers except for the case
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   for the flat badge is in my office drawer. So we'll
3
   get that. And then should be it. So, yeah, let
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5
                  MALE SPEAKER: Maybe on the way to
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   school.
                  MR. DAVIS: Okay. Yeah. That should
8
   be fine.
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                  MALE SPEAKER: 11 or 11:30 or --
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                  MR. DAVIS: That should be fine. I'll
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12
   bring it in.
                  MALE SPEAKER: It's 9:30 now.
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                  MR. DAVIS: Yep. Shouldn't be a
14
    problem. It's sitting in a -- it's just sitting
15
    there, so I think that's it. So, yeah, let me
16
    gather that up and then we'll go from there.
17
                  MALE SPEAKER: And do you want to
18
    write the memo and then at some point, we can get
19
    him a copy or do you want me to write the memo?
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                  MS. BRANDO: Uh-huh. I do have --
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